

WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Minutes of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System Including the Jordan River and its Tributaries

The Annual Meeting was held in the Department of Natural Resources Building, Conference Room #214, 1636 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Wednesday, January 16, 1991. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Those present and the Companies they represent are as follows:

Kalmar Robbins	Beckstead Irrigation
Noel H. Enniss	Draper Irrigation Company
Clyde L. Fairbourn	Draper Irrigation Company
Bill Marcovecchio	East Jordan Irrigation Company
McKay O. Douglas	Galena Ditch Company
Keith Hansen	North Jordan Canal and Kennecott
Wendell E. Evensen	Salt Lake City
Dale P. Bateman	South Jordan Canal Company

Those present without voting powers are:

David B. Gardner	Commissioner
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Jim Riley	Division of Water Rights
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights

It was determined, by canvass of those present, that there was an adequate, qualified representation to form a legal quorum; therefore, the meeting was considered official.

Mr. Sim introduced himself and the other representatives from the Division of Water Rights to the members present and indicated he would be conducting the meeting.

Mr. Sim indicated the first order of business was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary for the water users. A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Hansen, that Mr. Marcovecchio be elected Acting Chairman and Mr. Gardner be elected as Secretary. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Sim then turned the meeting over to Mr. Marcovecchio for the balance of the agenda.

Mr. Marcovecchio asked Mr. Sim to review the Financial Statement as submitted by the Division of Water Rights for the year 1990. Mr. Sim indicated that the only problem the State had with the budget was the Health and Life Insurance Premiums. As noted, there was an overdraft of \$642.09 and he felt there should be some adjustment made in the upcoming budget. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that the Financial Statement be approved as submitted. Other matters discussed were the delinquent water assessments. Mr. Sim asked Mr. Gardner to continue helping the District in collecting these assessments.

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated that the next order of business was Commissioner Gardner's annual report to the members for the year 1990. Mr. Gardner then read his report, as follows:

"As the users of water under the Utah Lake and Jordan River District are aware, a great deal of money was expended in a dredging project and the upgrading of our pumping facility at Utah Lake. Our final repairs were completed in the early spring of 1990, and the balance of the dredging and channel modifications was also completed during this period. There are a few projects that should be completed prior to the irrigation season commencing in 1991; they being the dredging of the discharge channel from the pump house to the bridge at the Saratoga Road and the inspection and possible replacement of the bearings on Pump No. 4. In either case, there will not be a great deal of money expended. As a matter of note, from the Fall of 1988 through the Spring of 1990, this District spent approximately \$390,000 for dredging and maintenance work at Utah Lake.

The 1990 year proved to be a trial year for the Irrigation Companies under this District - the trial being whether the Irrigation Companies could operate on the amount of water that had been set by the Memorandum Decisions from the State Engineer's Office in conjunction with the sale of water to the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District. It was my duty, as Commissioner, to see that this criteria was met. As the irrigation season progressed, it was necessary to keep a monthly tabulation as to the water used, not only for the current month, but for the preceding months as well, and to report to each Company the total amount of water used and the residual amount of water available for the remainder of the irrigation

season. As it turned out, all of the Irrigation Companies had sufficient water to meet their irrigation needs during the season, but some of the Companies had to discontinue usage prior to the normal October 15 deadline. It is my plan to continue this same procedure for the 1991 season.

At the present time, the elevation of Utah Lake is -5.70 feet below compromise which is 1.5 feet lower than this same period in 1990. The water supply outlook for the Utah Lake and Jordan River drainage is bleak, with the water content in our snow pack being at approximately 70% of a 15-year normal. If this situation does not improve, I foresee the possibility that Utah Lake could be at or below -8.00 feet below compromise by October 1, 1991. There is a good possibility this could have drastic effects on our ability to draw water from Utah Lake, even with our newly dredged inlet channel. I believe, by May 1, we should have a pretty good handle on whether or not we can complete our irrigation season without drastic cut-backs."

After a brief discussion concerning his report, a motion was made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that Mr. Gardner's report be accepted and made part of these minutes. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated the next order of business was the setting of the 1991 Budget. A proposed budget was submitted by Mr. Gardner to the members present and after some discussion with the staff of the State Engineer's Office, it was determined that an overall increase of 4.5% would be adopted, but it would finally be linked to the amount accepted by all State employees. The budgetary total for 1991 was set at \$57,283 with an assessment to be made by the State Engineer's Office to the water users in the amount of \$55,000 with approximately \$2,300 being taken from the Trust Account for the balance. This would leave a balance in the Trust Account of approximately \$14,000 for the operation of the system until the assessments are collected by the State. Motion was made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Bateman. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated the next order of business was the selection of a Water Commissioner and a Deputy Water Commissioner to be recommended to the State Engineer for the 1991 appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Robbins, that Mr. Gardner be appointed as Utah Lake and Jordan River Commissioner for the period from January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991, to use that portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said System and to file with the State Engineer's Office an Annual Report of said Distribution System; also that Mr. Jack B. Rindlisbach be recommended as Mr. Gardner's Deputy Commissioner for that same period of time. In addition to Mr. Rindlisbach's salary, he shall be entitled to two weeks vacation, with pay, said time period to be approved by Commissioner Gardner in advance of said vacation. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Sim then addressed the body concerning the problems of distributing water into and from Utah Lake. Mr. Robert L. Morgan, Utah State Engineer, and his staff have been contemplating the possibility of a Super Commissioner to oversee this entire operation. Also, Mr. Sim indicated there were to be special meetings set up with all Companies concerned under this drainage area and notification would be sent out as to their time and place. He also indicated that a new overall distribution system was being studied for the Utah Lake drainage. Again, he would notify all parties concerned when these meeting were to be held.

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated the last order of business was the selection of a Committee to represent this District and transact any business in its behalf. Mr. Marcovecchio suggested that all primary water users sit on this Committee, together with himself and Mr. Gardner. The names of the Committee members are as follows: Dale Bateman, David B. Gardner, Keith Hansen, Bill Marcovecchio, Marvin Steadman, and Charles W. Wilson. A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Hansen, to this effect. Voted and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Marcovecchio, Acting Chairman

David B. Gardner, Secretary